BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NOS. 2006-137-C, 2006-138-C, 2006-139-C AND 2006-142-C

ORDER NO. 2006-551

SEPTEMBER 27, 2006

IN RE:	Docket No. 2006-137-C – Petition of Charter)	ORDER GRANTING
	Fiberlink SC-CCO, LLC for Arbitration of	Ó	ADMISSIONS PRO HAC
	Certain Terms and Conditions of Proposed	Ó	VICE
	Agreement with Chesnee Telephone)	
	Company, Inc. Concerning Interconnection)	
	Under the Communications Act of 1934, as	Ó	
	Amended by the Telecommunications Act of)	
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	Docket No. 2006-138-C – Petition of Charter)	
	Fiberlink SC-CCO, LLC for Arbitration of)	
	Certain Terms and Conditions of Proposed)	
	Agreement with West Carolina Rural)	
	Telephone Cooperative Concerning)	
	Interconnection Under the Communications)	
	Act of 1934, as Amended by the)	
	Telecommunications Act of 1996.)	
	and)	
	Docket No. 2006-139-C – Petition of Charter)	
	Fiberlink SC-CCO, LLC for Arbitration of)	
	Certain Terms and Conditions of Proposed)	
	Agreement with Lockhart Telephone)	
	Company Concerning Interconnection Under)	
	the Communications Act of 1934, as)	
	Amended by the Telecommunications Act of)	
	1996.)	
	and)	
	Docket No. 2006-142-C – Petition of Charter)	
	Fiberlink SC-CCO, LLC for Arbitration of)	
	Certain Terms and Conditions of Proposed)	
	Agreement with Piedmont Rural Telephone)	
	Cooperative, Inc. Concerning Interconnection)	
	Under the Communications Act of 1934, as)	•
	Amended by the Telecommunications Act of)	
	1996.)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the Motion of Charles V. Gerkin, Jr., Esquire, and the Motion of Charles A. Hudak, Esquire, on behalf of Charter Fiberlink SC-CCO, LLC (Charter) for admission to practice before the Commission *pro hac vice*. Mr. Gerkin and Mr. Hudak petition to appear before the Commission as counsel for Charter in any hearings held for Docket Nos. 2006-137-C, 2006-138-C, 2006-139-C, and 2006-142-C regarding the Petitions filed by Charter for Arbitration of terms and conditions of proposed interconnection agreements with Chesnee Telephone Company, Inc., West Carolina Rural Telephone Cooperative, Lockhart Telephone Company and Piedmont Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

Mr. Gerkin and Mr. Hudak are attorneys for the law firm of Friend, Hudak & Harris, with offices located at Three Ravinia Drive, Suite 1450, Atlanta, Georgia, and are members in good standing of the bar of the State of Georgia, according to the certificates attached to the applications. Additionally, Mr. Gerkin and Mr. Hudak have included affirmations that they will comply with the applicable statutes, law, and rules of the State of South Carolina, that they are familiar with and will comply with the South Carolina Rules of Professional Conduct, and that they will submit to the jurisdiction of the South Carolina courts and Commission on Lawyer Conduct.

Local counsel of record associated with Mr. Gerkin and Mr. Hudak is John J. Pringle, Esquire, of Ellis, Lawhorne & Sims, PA., 1501 Main Street, 5th Floor, Columbia, South Carolina.

It appears to this Commission that the proper *pro hac vice* applications of Charles V. Gerkin, Jr. and Charles A. Hudak have been filed with the South Carolina Supreme Court and that the necessary affirmations have been made. The Deputy Clerk for Bar Admissions has certified receipt of the filings and that the filing fees have been paid. We believe that Mr. Gerkin and Mr. Hudak meet the qualifications for admission to practice before the Commission regarding Docket Nos. 2006-137-C, 2006-138-C, 2006-139-C, and 2006-142-C pro *hac vice* and that they should be so admitted.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. Charles V. Gerkin, Jr., Esquire, is a member in good standing of the bar of the State of Georgia and has moved for his *pro hac vice* admission to practice before the Commission at any hearings on Docket Nos. 2006-137-C, 2006-138-C, 2006-139-C, and 2006-142-C.
- 2. Charles A. Hudak, Esquire, is a member in good standing of the bar of the State of Georgia and has moved for his *pro hac vice* admission to practice before the Commission regarding Docket Nos. 2006-137-C, 2006-138-C, 2006-139-C, and 2006-142-C.
- 3. Proper applications have been filed, the filing fees have been paid, and the necessary affirmations have been made as required by SCACR 404.
 - 3. Mr. Gerkin and Mr. Hudak have associated South Carolina counsel.
- 4. The Motions for *pro hac vice* admission in these proceedings should be granted.

ORDER

The Motion of Charles V. Gerkin, Jr. Esquire, and the Motion of Charles A. Hudak for *pro hac vice* admission to practice before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina regarding Docket Nos. 2006-137-C, 2006-138-C, 2006-139-C, and 2006-142-C are granted.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

G. O'Neal Hamilton, Chairman

ATTEST:

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